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Need Is Urgent As List Is Long

More Than 300 Children Depend On Santa - Pals For A Merry Christmas. Will You Fail Them?

Once upon a time Santa Claus made his annual visit to you. . . . How eagerly you woke up on Christmas morning and sought your stocking. Was it filled? Had he really called?

What a thrill it was—a thrill of exquisite joy—when, in the dim light you felt big, lumpy packages inside your stocking; listened to the delicious crackling of paper.

Yes, Santa Claus had called—he had not forgotten you. Good old Santa! Hurrah for dear old Santa! And now suppose he had not called. Suppose that, when you felt for your stocking you found it limp and empty. There were no presents, no jolly Christmas games to play, nothing except the stark ordinary things of the day. . . .

Wouldn't you have been inexpressibly sad? Wouldn't you have cried and wondered what you had done to be so neglected?

Reader, there are hundreds in this city who may find themselves in that very situation on Christmas morning, if you do not do your bit to relieve them. Just look at that list of children on page 3.

Reader, what are you going to do about it?

Why not become a Santa-Pal? Call at the Guardian Office or phone 133, and signify your intention, then forward as soon as possible your gifts of candy, toys and fruit or your contribution to the Empty Stocking Fund.

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Let's Give the Kiddies a Right Jolly Merrie Christmas

CITIZENS! Guardian Readers! He is speaking to you. There are more than 300 names on our list of children whom Santa-Pals can make happy.

Our slogan is: "No unhappy children this Christmas." May your conscience say: "Let's give the kiddies a right jolly Merrie Christmas."

SIX NATIONS MEET THEIR WAR DEBTS

France, Belgium, Poland, Hungary And Estonia Default Payments —Great Britain's Debt Installment Was \$95,550,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(A.P.)—The United States Treasury's books tonight recorded France, Belgium and three lesser European nations in default on their obligations to the United States while opposite the names of Great Britain, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Latvia and Lithuania was written the word "paid." Thus the first general war debt payment date since inauguration of the Hoover one-year moratorium on inter-governmental debts—mid-summer a year ago—found the nations owing American sharply divided into two groups.

Excepting Italy the paying nations, like the defaulters, had protested and employed all diplomatic means to win postponement of today's installments and reconsideration of their entire war debt. However, upon America's insistence that they pay, they chose to keep their credit standing with the United States unimpaired and in so doing they heeded the reiterated urging of Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson that such action would put them in preferred position to obtain a restudy of their obligations.

U. S. Course Not Known

How the defaulters will fare in this could not be foreseen tonight. No official up to now had said a word as to this country's future course, but an impression was current that until some settlement of their past due payments has been made, these nations will receive no concessions from the United States.

The Defaulters

With France and Belgium in the defaulting column were Poland, Hungary and Estonia. All but the latter had been heard from officially, and the little Baltic state had a note on its way here saying it could not pay. The exact amount defaulted by all these was \$24,640,141. This was \$1,215,000 less than the original December 15 items. Poland and Estonia had taken advantage of funding agreement clauses to postpone for two years part of the principal owed.

The amount paid was \$98,685,910. Latvia's payment was cut \$31,000 by a prior funding agreement postponement.

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FRANCE FACES HUGE NEW YEAR DEFICIT

Former Minister Of Interior Is Asked To Form New Government.

(Canadian Press Cable)

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Camille Chautemps, former Minister of the Interior, will reply tomorrow to President Albert Lebrun's invitation that he attempt to form a government to succeed that of former Premier Edouard Herriot which resigned yesterday after being defeated on a vote of confidence connected with its war debt policy.

M. Chautemps spent the evening in consultation with his political friends, going first to M. Herriot and offering him the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. M. Herriot had previously said he would accept no office in the new government and tonight he was said to have repeated his refusal.

Apart from the debt consideration on which public opinion appeared divided tonight, there appeared every reason to hurry the formation of a new government to face great problems which will arise before the end of the year.

With December half over France faces the prospect of a new year's budget deficit of 8,000,000,000 francs (about \$320,000,000 in Canadian funds) and a railway deficit of 5,000,000,000 francs (about \$225,000,000), while within the next few

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PREM. BENNETT GUEST OF KING AND QUEEN

(Canadian Press Cable)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett of Canada dined tonight at Buckingham Palace with King George, Queen Mary and the King and Queen of Denmark.

King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine of Denmark, who have been visiting Their Majesties for a week will return to Copenhagen tomorrow.

During the day, Mr. Bennett attended a session of the Privy Council, which was presided over by the King. He had lunch with a number of London bankers.

Liquor Prices Are Cut In N. B.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 15.—Following a meeting of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board here today it was announced a new price list would be issued effective Monday, 19. This will show reductions ranging from 40 cents to 85 cents.

"The larger reductions are in the liquors affected by the recent tariff changes, those originating in the United Kingdom and spirits manufactured in Canada," a statement of the board said. "In addition to these, other liquors will show a lower price in the new list. There will be no change in beer or Canadian wine."

Schooner Is Believed Lost

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(A.P.)—Representatives of Capt. F. A. Clapp of City Point, Me., said today that the U. S. coast guard had been asked to hunt for the schooner Frederick J. Vlovatign owned by Capt. Clapp, which left for Halifax three weeks ago and has not since been reported.

The schooner's cargo of coal was said to be covered by insurance but the schooner itself was uncovered. The schooner has a crew of seven men.

A "War Debt Resolution"

(Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A \$5,000 fee for passport visas to American citizens desiring to travel to a country in default on her war debt payment was proposed in a resolution submitted in the United States Senate today by Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, Democrat, of Tennessee.

Will Not Visit France Until Debt Is Paid

NEW BERN, N. C., Dec. 15.—(Associated Press)—Organization of a group of New Bern society women who pledged themselves not to visit France so long as that country refuses to pay its war debt to the United States was perfected here today.

In the group are several women who said they are planning European trips next summer but that France will not be included in the itinerary unless the war debts are settled before they sail.

Great Britain's Word Her Bond

Actual Operation Of Removal Of 11,500 Bars Of Gold Representing England's War Debt Installment.

(By Alvin Hallman Associated Press Staff Writer, Copyright, 1932 by the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Tall, brawny huskies with rolled-up sleeves and time-worn aprons before noon today performed the actual operation which told the world that Great Britain's word is still her bond.

To most of the world the actual operation of payment of Great Britain's installment on the war debt was secret.

What actually took place is this: This forenoon an emissary from the Governor's office went down the bullion department vaults watched by military guardsmen with bearskin hats and fixed bayonets. The emissary had in his hands a number of white tags and a paper on which was written an order for the removal of 11,500 bars of gold from the mass which represents the note reserve of the bank to another vacant spot next to one of the walls of the vault which for the next few days will belong to the federal reserve bank.

The foreman in the bullion department scrutinized the paper, accepted the tags from the emissary and gave instructions to his workmen to remove them from one side of the large room to the other.

The gold bars, which are neither burnished or corroded but somewhat grainy in appearance, are never actually deposited on the floor, but for purposes of mobility,

French Minister Airs His Views Re War Debts

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—(C.P.)—"Probably the bulk of the French people feel that America should not be paid," said Hon. Arsne Henrygn, French Minister to Canada, in an interview today during his present visit to Toronto.

"They say these war debts are not in the same class as ordinary debts," the Minister added. "After all, most of the money was spent right in America for supplies with which to fight the war. France suffered the devastation of her northern districts. Why should she now also have to pay for the cost of the war?"

Doctors Will Be Paid By Gov't.

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Medical fees of doctors for service rendered those on relief will continue to be paid entirely by the Ontario Government, Premier George S. Henry announced today. He had discussed the question yesterday with Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Labor at Ottawa.

In the Campbell relief report it was recommended these fees be paid on a similar basis as relief contributions, by the Governments and municipalities. The Ontario Government has done this in the past and Premier Henry endeavored to have the federal government include the fees in relief grants. This was refused and consequently the Ontario Government will stand the entire charge.

New Book Racket Nipped In Bud

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Customs officials have stopped a new book racket. When Canada bars a book, foreign publishers sometimes camouflage it in a mild-looking paper jacket with the object of deceiving the customs officers.

Collectors at Toronto recently became suspicious of a book "Rats and How to Destroy Them." The paper jacket was mild and unoffending but the book itself was particularly lurid—one the censor had held to be offending to Canadian morals.

The Department of National Revenue has issued instructions to customs collectors to dig deeper than the paper jacket when examining books for entry into the country—they might have to read

LATE WIRE BRIEFS

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(A.P.)—Richard F. Hoyt, president of aviation corporation, announced tonight that directors of that company had authorized the purchase of trans-American airplanes corporation.

TOKYO, Dec. 16.—(Friday)—(A.P.)—Fire in the Shirokiya, one of Tokyo's largest department stores, trapped scores of customers and salesgirls today and numerous casualties were feared. Many persons leaped from third story windows and were injured.

enough to be sure the manuscript corresponds with the jacket design and title.

MINERS HOLD PROPERTY IN LIEU OF WAGES

(Canadian Press)

PASCALIS, Que., Dec. 15.—A group of miners, retaining possession of the property in lieu of wages, and resisting any efforts to penetrate their stronghold, was the situation at the Leroy Gold Mines north of here, described by a group of employees of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Corporation today.

The miners supplies are about exhausted and actual starvation faces them. They have been payless for months but are determined to remain on the property until pay day rolls around.

Consolidated sent a number of men and two teams with supplies from Senneterre to the mine to obtain samples of the workings. The men in possession refused to allow them to put a foot on the property.

An appeal to Quebec for provincial police aid to enable the smelting company's crew to carry out their orders was expected.

Court action is pending around the back pay. Some months ago Arthur C. Melkman, mine manager, was held prisoner by the men for some days but was released when the owners sent up a supply of provisions.

The men have since been subsisting upon these supplies which are nearing exhaustion.

Fisherfolk In Bad Way

(Canadian Press)

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The simple country folk and hardy fishermen of Quebec's picturesque Gaspé Peninsula are in a desperate plight despite Premier L. A. Taschereau's published denial, Hon. John Hall Kelly, member of the Quebec Legislative Council, states in an open letter handed to the press today.

Lumber and pulp mills have closed down, the potato crop has failed because of heavy summer rains and the fisheries have been very unremunerative, the veteran member from New Carlisle in the Gaspé country writes.

The Weather, Etc

8 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

NEVER SHOOT POOL WITH AN ACTOR; HE'S ALWAYS TOO SURE OF HIS CUES!

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 15.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	24B	10B
Edmonton	10B	22B
Halifax	22	34
London	20	45
Montreal	22	34
Quebec	22	34
Saint John	18	27
Winnipeg	6B	34
Yukon	20B	13B
London	10	14
Toronto	8	21
Kingston	8	21
Ottawa	6	24
Montreal	6	24
Quebec	6	24
Saint John	24	34
Halifax	24	34
Charlottetown	24	34

FORECASTS

Lower St. Lawrence Valley—Fresh northwest winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh northwest winds; mostly fair and cold.

Maritime West and East—Fresh northwest to west winds; mostly fair and cold; local snow flurries.

High tide this afternoon at 1:57 and tomorrow morning at 12:24.

Sun rises this morning at 7:52 and sets this afternoon at 4:19. 16°.

Last quarter moon Tuesday, Dec. 20, 4:22 p. m.

Summerside: The eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaves Borden daily 6:15 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10:30 a. m. and 2:55 p. m.